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Agenda item 9
Adoption of resolutions and the report of the tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

Draft report

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I. Organization of the Conference

A. Introduction

1. The Tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas was held in New York from 19 to 23 August 2013, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2012/261 of 26 November 2012.

B. Opening of the Conference

2. The outgoing President, Luiz Paulo Souto Fortes (Brazil), opened the Conference.

3. The Acting Director of the United Nations Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an opening statement.

C. Attendance

4. The Conference was attended by 94 participants, comprising 80 representatives from 29 States, 11 participants from international organizations and the private sector, and the representatives of three United Nations entities. The list of participants is contained in document E/CONF.103/INF/3.

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D. Election of officers

5. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 19 August 2013, the Conference elected the following officers by acclamation:

President:
Rolando Ocampo Alcantar (Mexico)

Vice-Presidents:
Paula MacLeod (Canada)
Juan Antonio Nieto Escalante (Colombia)

Rapporteur:
Duane Miller (Bahamas)

E. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference adopted its agenda as contained in document E/CONF.103/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President and other officers of the Conference.
3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters:
   (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the Conference;
   (b) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
   (c) Establishment of technical committees and election of the Chair of each committee;
   (d) Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
4. Report on the implementation of resolutions adopted at the ninth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.
5. Report of the Permanent Committee for Geospatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas.
6. Conference papers:
   (a) Invited papers on recent developments in geospatial information management in addressing national, regional and global issues;
   (b) Country reports.
7. Reports of the technical committees of the Conference.
8. Provisional agenda for the eleventh United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.
9. Adoption of resolutions and the report of the tenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.

F. Organization of work

7. At the same meeting, the Conference adopted its organization of work as contained in an informal paper, which was circulated to the participants.

G. Adoption of the rules of procedure

8. Also at its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference adopted its rules of procedure as contained in document E/CONF.103/2.

H. Establishment of technical committees and election of chairmen

9. At its 1st plenary meeting, the Conference established the following three technical committees and elected their chairpersons by acclamation:

Committee I: United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management and the Americas: strategic, policy, economic and institutional issues

Chair: Ronaldo Ocampo Alcantar (Mexico)

Committee II: Spatially enabling government through geospatial data collection, management and dissemination

Chair: Luiz Paulo Souto Fortes (Brazil)

Committee III: Best practices and applications, including climate change and disaster risk management

Chair: Ronald Jackson (Jamaica)

I. Credentials

10. At the ____ plenary meeting, on ____ August 2013, the President of the Conference reported that, in accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives had been reviewed and found to be in order.

J. Documentation

11. The documents submitted to the Conference are available from http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/rcc/unrcca10.html.

[Chapters II to VI to follow, in accordance with the structure of the report of previous Conferences.]